

## PROJECT OVERVIEW REPORT

1. UTC Identifying Number  
69A3551847102
2. Center Identifying Number  
CAIT-UTC-REG24
3. Project Title  
Application of Advanced Analytic and Risk Techniques to Railroad Operations  
Safety and Management
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7. Project Description  
The fundamental problem with the amounts of data collected by railroads is that they have generally lacked tools and the capability to analyze these data to develop predictive models to improve decisions regarding maintenance, operations and capital investments that improve safety, service and, ultimately, overall profitability. The primary goal of this project is to develop a prototype system that complements and improves the current tools and Decision Support Systems (DSS) used by the cooperating railroads.
8. Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)  
The intended outcome of the project is to develop a DSS and dashboard prototype system to support short line railroad in prioritizing maintenance activities, operational decisions and investment decisions.
9. Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)  
To Be Determined

## 10. Dates and Budget

Start date: 11/1/2019  
End date: 03/31/2021  
UTC (CAIT) Dollars: \$40,000  
Cost Sharing: \$0  
Total Dollars: \$40,000

## 11. Keywords

Decision support systems (DSS), data visualization, text-mining, railroad AI use, short line railroad maintenance, operations and investment decisions

## 12. Web Links (Reports and Project Website)

<https://cait.rutgers.edu/research/application-of-advanced-analytic-and-risk-techniques-to-railroad-operations-safety-and-management/>